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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Takashi OSUMI *et al.* )  
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Application No.: To be Assigned )  
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Filed: May 10, 2001 )  
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For: GREEN FLUORESCENT PROTEINS )  
AND BLUE FLUORESCENT PROTEINS )

**PRIOR APPLICATION:**

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: E. Slobodyansky, Ph.D.

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph at Page 6, lines 18-24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In view of the above-mentioned problems, the present inventors performed extensive research and succeeded in the discovery of novel GFPs and BFPs that are free from such problems by introducing certain mutations into specific positions of the amino acid sequence for GFP or BFP, thus accomplishing this invention.

Please replace the heading at Page 12, line 16 with the following rewritten heading:

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**